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Chap. V, Action by Congress, 1947-1949

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The 1947 Act--Congressional Consideration

hearings held by Sen Comm on the Armed Services, and House Comm on Expenditures in the Executive Departments.

- chaired by Gurney  
- chaired by Clare Hoffman

- ✓ Major attention centered upon the proposed merger of the armed forces, the authority of the Sec of Def, and the NSC. 19
- ✓ reps of the armed forces sought to restrict CIA operations, fearing it would usurp funcs properly belonging to them. 19  
CIA reps, rather than shying away from the word gestapo, prominently used it to emphasize that the proposed new agency could and would not be such a thing. It would have no police power, no right to subpoena, no authority of law enforcement, no funcs re internatl security. 20
- ✓ some worry re silence of the proposed legislation as to funcs of the new agency and its Director. No guarantee, after all, that Cong would ever receive an enabling bill. Safeguards re Agency's funcs should be written into the bill. 20-21
- Apr. 29 Vandenberg's statement before <sup>Senate</sup> ~~Cong~~: stressed the need for a permanent intell agency. [and centralized.] Pledged that enabling legislation would follow in due course. 21-22
- ✓ some difficulty in getting cong. approval of the provision in the Pres' Jan 22 directive that Director should perform "services of common concern" for the deptal agencies. 22
- ✓ some discussion as to whom DCI should report. Donovan argued that he should report to an indiv, such as Sec of Def. But Vandenberg countered that since CIA not to be ghe sole intell agency, it needed to report to a council like the NSC. 24-25
- ✓ at one pt, Houston drafted an amendment to the bill which wuld have given Hillenkoetter the directorship for 14 yrs, but this was later dropped. (And given the consensus re Hillenkoetter's lack of effectiveness as Directory, the Agency can be thankful it was not acted upon.) 25
- ✓ service intell officers also feared that an indep DCI might have direct channels to the Pres (and ready access) 26
- re proper funcs for CIA and service opposition to clandestine collection: Brig. Gen. ~~H~~ Kroner offered the opinion that it would be unwise to have the CIA "overburden itself w/ operations." Kroner, former chief of Mil. Intell. Service, also hinted that the Army might well classify intell so highly that the CIA would not be able to share it, hence limiting the Agency's usefulness. 28

Kroner, formerly of G-2 ✓

double check this - it is not in secret June 27 hearing

Sen. CHAN GURNEY (R, S.O.)

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